in order to give more adequate supply, we have started the pumping system and after the date on which that system was established, we are supplying Mattancheri with about three lakhs of gallons of water. You must also understand that in Ernakulam, water-supply was installed some 25 years ago and there are many more house-connections in Ernakulam—about 1800—while, in Mattancheri, there are only about 300 connections. That also is a reason why Mattancheri does not consume as much water as Ernakulam.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know Sir, what is the amount that is given by the Mattancheri Municipality to the Government for the supply?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* They give at the rate of 4 annas per thousand gallons.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Am I to take it that the difference between the amount collected and the amount paid to the Government is made use of by the Mattancheri Municipality for its own purposes?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to ask the Municipality to raise a loan on the security of the water tax and pay the interest and provide a Sinking Fund so that we may have a copious supply of water?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* How can you make water?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* That I can teach you, not here, but outside the Council. Will the Government be pleased to ask the Municipality to raise a loan and make Sinking Fund for the money that is required to lay another pipe-line?

Mr. President: That is a matter to be considered by the Municipality.

THE MODERN COCHIN ENGLISH READERS—PRICE, ETC.

483. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the name of the press and the publisher of "The Modern Cochin English Readers" Reader III used in Form III in the Schools of the State;

(*b*) the price fixed by the Text Book Committee for the same;

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(*c*) whether the kind of paper used in the sample agrees with that used for copies available in the market?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) "The Modern Cochin English Readers" Reader III is edited by Mr. P. Narayana Menon, M. A. (Hons.), Maharaja's College, Ernakulam and published by him. It is printed at the Viswanath Press, Ernakulam.

(*b*) Ten annas only.

(*c*) There has been no complaint regarding the quality of paper used in the books sold to pupils. In the copies of the book that the Text Book Committee Office had occasion to see the quality of paper corresponded to that in the sample copy received by that Office.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know how the Text-Book Committee Office comes to possess books that are sold in the market?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Of course, they have children studying in the Schools.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether any enquiry has been conducted as to whether the sample and the books that are available in the market do agree?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Without complaint, there was no occasion for an enquiry.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* I have already given a copy of the book that is available. May I know whether the Committee has taken any steps to see whether the sample copy supplied to the Text Book Committee and the books available in the market that are sold out to the children agree? Otherwise, I do not know whether there is any purpose served by fixing the value of the book by the Text Book Committee.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Committee may not have opportunity to see to it. But we have issued an order to the Department that all the executive officers of the Education Department during their inspection should see to this. A sample copy of each of the book approved by the Committee is supplied to each of the officers. It is their duty to make a comparison and if there is any difference, to take necessary action. Stringent orders have been issued accordingly.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether there is any statement made by any executive officer who

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has stated: "I have examined a few books and I have found that the sample copy agrees with the copies available in the market".

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No specific orders have been issued asking them to send any statement with regard to this matter. The order issued was only a general one.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to ask the executive officers that they have to examine those copies with the sample copies and to send a statement for having done so?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Further instructions will be issued.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Did the Joint Secretary get a copy from Mr. Iyyunni some two days back?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Is the hon'ble member satisfied that there is difference between the sample copy and the copy that is available in the market?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Sceretary to Government):* I did not make a microscopic examination. I have already issued orders to the Director of Public Instruction to enquire into this matter. Perhaps there might be some little difference.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* That difference will go to swell the pockets of those persons. That is the whole trouble. For an ordinary man, at a mere glance, the difference can be seen.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I could not see any difference.

Mr. President: You need not have a microscope, to see this difference. You can as well take the opinion of the Press Superintendent.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: ടെക്സ്റ്റ്ബുക്കുകളുടെ വില വല്ലതും കുറക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമെങ്കിൽ അതു് കുട്ടികളെ പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ വളരെ ഉപകാരമായിരിക്കും. ഇപ്പോൾ പേപ്പറിനു് മുമ്പിലത്തേതിൽനിന്നു കുറച്ചു വില കൂടിട്ടുണ്ടു്. മുമ്പു് ഒരു പുസ്തകം അരയണക്കു് കിട്ടുമെങ്കിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ അതിനു് മുക്കാലണ മാത്രമെ കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതുള്ളു. ആ രീതിയിൽ പുസ്തകങ്ങളുടെ വില കുറക്കുവാനുള്ള ഒരു മാർഗ്ഗം ഈ സഭ കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. ബി. സേലം: ഇതിൽ പറയുന്ന ഈ വിശ്വനാഥപ്പുസ്തിൽ നിന്നാണോ കഴിഞ്ഞകൊല്ലം കസ്റ്റ്യൻ പേപ്പർ ചോന്നുപോയതു്?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

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മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി: ഈ വിജ്ഞാനഗ്രന്ഥം, സുന്ദരയ്യർ & സൺസ്സും എല്ലാം നടത്തുന്നതു് ഒരു കമ്പനിക്കാർതന്നെയാണു". അങ്ങിനെയുള്ളവരെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് എന്താണു് ഇങ്ങിനെആക്ഷേപം വരുന്നതെന്നു് കുലങ്കഷമായി അന്വേഷിച്ചു് ഒരു തീരുമാനം ചെയ്യേണ്ടതാണു്. അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഈ രീതിതന്നെ മേലിലും തുടരുവാൻ എളുപ്പമുണ്ടു്.

COCHIN BHOOMISASTROM AND POURADHARMAM—DEFECTS IN GET UP

484. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ശവമ്മേണ്ടു ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ഈ കൊല്ലത്തിൽ സംസ്ഥാനത്തെ പാഠശാലകളിൽ മൂന്നാം ക്ലാസിൽ ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്ന "കൊച്ചി ഭൂമിശാസ്ത്രവും പൌരധർമ്മവും" പ്രസിദ്ധപ്പെടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു് ആരാണു്;

(ബി) കമ്മിറ്റിക്കു സമർപ്പിച്ച സാമ്പിൾ കോപ്പിയുടെ കടലാസിന്റെ തരവും വില്പനനടത്തുന്ന പുസ്തകത്തിന്റെ കടലാസുതരവും ഒന്നാണോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ജെ. ജോഷ്വാ:

(എ) പുസ്തകം പ്രസിദ്ധപ്പെടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു് തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ വി. സുന്ദരയ്യർ ആൻഡ് സൺസ് ആണു്.

(ബി) ടെക്സ്റ്റ്ബുക്കു് കമ്മിറ്റിക്കു സമർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സാമ്പിൾ കോപ്പിയിലും വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു വിറ്റിട്ടുള്ളവയായി ആ ആഫീസിൽനിന്നു കണ്ടെത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള കോപ്പികളിലും ഉപയോഗിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന കടലാസിന്റെ തരം ഒന്നാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി: ആഫീസുകളിൽ ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ കണ്ടെത്തീട്ടില്ലയെന്നു് പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതിന്റെ അർത്ഥം മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല. പുസ്തകം മേടിക്കുന്ന കൂട്ടികൾ അതു കൊണ്ടുപോയി ആഫീസ്സിൽ ഫാഴരാക്കുമോ? എന്താണിതിന്റെ താല്പര്യമെന്നു മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല.

Mr. K. V. Menon *(Publicity Officer):* The Text Book Committee Office generally gets a copy of every book that is sent for the Committee's consideration. As such, it will have a sample copy with it. I think it was at a meeting of the Committee about 18 months ago that the Committee suggested by a resolution that the Inspecting Officers of the Department may be entrusted with the work of comparing the books available in the Office with the books sold in the market. And it is on this resolution of the Committee that the Government passed orders, issuing instructions to inspecting officers to look into the question as to whether there is any discrepancy in quality between the books sent for the consideration of the Committee and those available in the market. It is thus that you find the term here: "Office of the Text Book Committee,"

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